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Kuipers' bill creates manufacturers "czar" to help businesses create, retain jobs

Lansing — Sen. Wayne Kuipers (R-Holland) today introduced Senate Bill 841 to create a "czar" position within the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth to focus on creating and retaining manufacturing jobs.

The position is needed to ensure the regulatory and economic development arms of all state departments are doing what they can to the manufacturing industry.

"Manufacturers in my district have been hit hard by our flailing economy," Kuipers said. "I believe that the creation of an executive office position devoted solely to helping the manufacturing industry is a step toward helping local companies keep jobs and expand in the future."

The bill is expected to be reported out of the Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform Committee today and go to the full Senate for consideration Thursday.

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